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1. SUMMARY: EL SALVADOR ENTERED IN THE FIRST FULL WEEK OF 1982 WITH AT LEAST 80 NEW POLITICAL DEATHS. UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS OF THE DEATHS OF 63 GUERRILLAS AND 10 SOLDIERS INDICATED THAT FIGHTING CONTINUED AT A BRISK PACE. THE DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ANA WAS THE SCENE OF MUCH ACTIVITY ON THE PART OF THE GUERRILLAS INCLUDING THE STOPPING OF TRAFFIC ON THE WELL TRAVELED PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY. END SUMMARY.
2. DEATHS AND DISAPPEARANCES: THE FIRST WEEK OF 1982 WAS MARKED BY THE DEATHS OF AT LEAST 80 PERSONS IN EL SALVADOR. RESPONSIBILITY FOR 11 OF THESE MURDERS WAS ASCRIBED TO LEFTIST FORCES BY PRESS REPORTS.
THE KILLERS OF THE REMAINING 69 INDIVIDUALS COULD NOT BE
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IDENTIFIED. IN ADDITION, A TOTAL OF 11 PERSONS DISAPPEARED DURING THE WEEK.
FURTHER, INCOMPLETE AND UNCONFIRMED PRESS REPORTS INDICATED THAT AT LEAST 63 GUERRILLAS AND 10 SOLDIERS DIED IN ONGOING FIGHTING.
3. SOME STATISTICS: THE BODIES OF THE 80 VICTIMS OF POLITICAL MURDER WERE DISCOVERED IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS.

SANTA ANA	31	ABLACAPAN	5
SAN SALVADOR	18	SAN MIGUEL	4
USULUTAN	11	LA PAZ	4
LA LIBERTAD	4	SAN VICENTE	1
SONSONATE	2	TOTAL	80

AN AGE BREAKDOWN OF THE DEAD YIELDS THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:
A. AGE 17 AND UNDER 4
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B. AGES 18-25	17
C. AGES 26-35	17
D. AGES 36-50	16
E. AGE 50 AND ABOVE	4
F. UNKNOWN	2?
TOTAL	8?

A BREAKDOWN BY OCCUPATIONAL PROVIDES THE FOLLOWING STATISTICS:

7 FARMERS	1 PAINTER
6 MERCHANTS	1 SECRETARY
3 STUDENTS	4 LABORERS
1 CAMPESINO	1 SHOEMAKER
1 DRIVER	2 CIVIL DEFENSE GUARDS
3 EMPLOYEES	50 UNKNOWN

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80 TOTAL
4. INCIDENTS: THE CITY AND DEPARTMENT OF SANTA ANA FIGURED PROMINENTLY IN REPORTS OF TERROSRIST INCIDENTS THIS WEEK. SKIRMISHES, BOMBS, THE DOWNING OF ELECTRICAL TOWERS, AND THE STOPPAGE OF TRAFFIC ON THE HEAVILY TRAVELLED (AND NORMALLY TROUBLE-FREE) PAN-AMERICAN HIGHWAY WERE PART OF THE SANTA ANA SCENE. GUERRILLA ACTIVITY WAS ALSO PREVALENT IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF SAN SALVADOR, SAN VICENTE, CABANAS, AND USULUTAN AND CONSISTED OF THE USUAL HARASSING ATTACKS AGAINST MILITARY POSTS AND TELEPHONE SWITCHING BOXES.
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